

REMARKS

Prior to this Response, claims 1 to 17 were pending and at issue. By this Response claims 1 to 9 have been amended to place them in proper form, claims 10 to 17 have been canceled without disclaimer in response to the pending Restriction Requirement, and new claims 18 to 25 have been added. Applicants expressly reserves the right to re-file the canceled subject matter and/or claims 10 to 17 as originally filed in one or more related applications. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added via the amendments to claims 1 to 9 and/or the new claims 18 to 25.

The Office Action, on page 2, requires election/restriction between three (3) allegedly patentably distinct species. The allegedly distinct species are identified as:

- Species I: Claims 1 to 9 directed to a printer as depicted in FIGS. 4 and 5;
- Species II: Claims 10 and 11 directed to a scanning control circuit as depicted in FIG 1; and
- Species III: Claims 12 to 17 directed to a method for scanning a memory depicted in FIGS. 2 and 3.

Applicant respectfully elects to continue the prosecution of claims 1 to 9 relating to Species I. Thus, claims 1 to 9 and 18 to 25 are pending and at issue.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seek early allowance thereof. If for any reason, the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that an interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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